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SENATOR ERDMAN: Really? Okay. Well, I just asked that because...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Or maybe I should say it's going to be harder on Final, because it requires more votes on Final.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Right. And I guess the reason I asked that is you have essentially the same idea on Select File. You could have offered AM2401 to LR 11CA and accomplished the same goal and you would have had the same senators, like Senator Baker and Senator Mines and others, get up and change their mind and say, okay, this is altogether greater. And they could have given you the opportunity to vote one time to put it on Final, and we could have been debating Senator Connealy's priority bill or something. But I'm trying to figure out why it is you would have chosen to put an extra hurdle in your efforts to bring casinos to Nebraska than just using Senator Janssen's bill from last year, since it would still carry its priority under our new situation. It would still carry...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: No, Senator, it didn't carry its priority from last year. As a matter of fact, I believe it failed to advance on Select File last year, so then it lost its priority status.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Oh.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: My bill was never voted on last year. It was my priority bill. And the Speaker felt that we would be better off if we both just reprioritized our bills this year. So that's what I did and that's what Senator Janssen did.

SENATOR ERDMAN: So his bill was reprioritized, LR 11CA?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, that's correct. So it's...

SENATOR ERDMAN: So then my question still is the same question.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, my priority bill was....

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.